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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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PARIS ALSO FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF, NL, UNESCO

SUBJ: DUTCH ACTIVITIES IN SYRIA

REF: THE HAGUE 543

1. ACCORDING TO DUTCH CHARGE, GON IS HOPING TO ARRANGE VISIT OF FONMIN VAN DER STOEL (SEE PARA 5, REFTTEL), TO SYRIA DURING SPRING. VISIT WOULD BE "CONDITIONAL" HOWEVER ON SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT BEING WORKED OUT FOR RETURN OF RANSOM MONEY TAKEN FROM PILOT OF KLM PLANE WHICH BROUGHT HAGUE HIJACKERS TO DAMASCUS IN SEPTEMBER 1974.

2. CHARGE ALSO SAID THAT IN DECEMBER HE HAD BEEN CONVOKED BY DEP FONMIN RAFT'I AND WARNED THAT SYRIA WAS WATCHING VERY CLOSELY DUTCH ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO UNESCO. IF DUTCH TOOK ACTION TO REDUCE THEIR
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SUPPORT FOR UNESCO, RAFT'I SAID, IT COULD HAVE

SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS BOTH ON DUTCH-SYRIAN
BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ON EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE IN
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